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In re the application of: Curtis, Rory A.J.

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Filed: June 2, 2000

For: NOVEL MEMBERS OF THE  
CAPSAICIN/VANILLOID RECEPTOR  
FAMILY OF PROTEINS AND USES  
THEREOF

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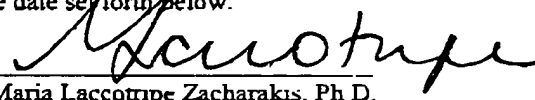
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Limited Recognition Under 37 C.F.R. 10.9(b)**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2002 (Paper No. 15) which issued in the above referenced application. Responsive to the office action, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 28, 30, 31, 38, 40, 41, 42, 47, and 49, without prejudice, and amend claims 32, 35, 36, 43-46 and 48 as follows: